

Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation

Contractor work crews from Ceres Environmental Services, Brooklyn Park, Minn., have finished tub grinding all highly exposed host trees. Crews are grinding all the remaining stumps and are repairing any damaged fences, sidewalks, sheds, etc. in the Rahway and Linden contract areas.

Contractor work crews from Peters-Todd's Tree Company, Union, removed 408 highly exposed host trees along the New Jersey Turnpike this week. The total number of trees removed for this contract is now 6,473. Peter's-Todd's work crews continued grinding stumps in the residential areas of West Carteret, Carteret and Rahway.

This brings the total number of trees removed from both contracts to 8,006, with 517 being infested trees and 7,489 being high-risk host trees.

To date 5,239 tons of wood chips have been delivered by both contractors to the Covanta Recycling Facility in Rahway.

Program personnel will remain on-site during the stump grinding process to address concerns of homeowners and the contractor to ensure operations continue to run smoothly until completion.

On July 12 Trugreen-Chemlawn Corporation successfully finished chemical treatments with imidacloprid in all four towns of the Middlesex/Union quarantine area. A total of 1,718 trees were treated by trunk injection in Rahway and Linden, bringing the completed total of both trunk- and soil-injected trees to 21,143 across the four municipalities.

Jersey City-Hoboken Quarantine Area

A total of 11 personnel are continuing survey, control and regulatory activities in the Jersey City-Hoboken quarantine area. As of July 15, 2,325 trees have been surveyed in 2005 with no signs of the ALB detected. In addition, 893 trees have been treated this year with imidacloprid.